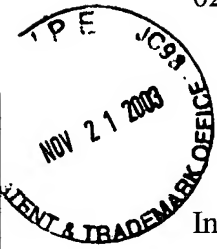


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U.S. Patent No. 6,421,512 B2 is discussed at least at page 4, line 16 through page 5, line 21 of the specification.

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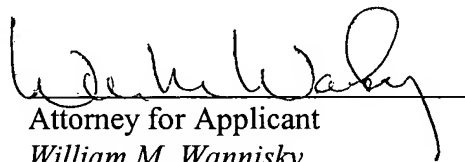
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